REMARKS

The above specification has been amended to add section headings to the various sections of the application and to delete the multiple dependencies therein. Entry and consideration of this Amendment and an early and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 1, delete the heading "DESCRIPTION" and insert the heading

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, after line 4 insert the heading

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, after line 5 insert the heading

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

after line 17 insert the heading

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

11. (Amended) A thermoformed panel according to claim 10, obtainable by means of a process ~~according to claim 1~~for the production of a panel.

12. (Amended) A thermoformed panel according to ~~claims 10 or 11~~claim 10, having one or more reinforcing ribs or ridges projecting from one face of the panel and wherein the other face of the panel is free from concavitities complementary to the said ribs or ridges, in which the material in the regions corresponding to the ribs or ridges has an expanded cellular

structure with greater porosity than the porosity of the material present in the regions of lesser thickness.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:

The abstract is changed as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A panel comprising at least one layer of thermoformable plastics material having separate regions of different thickness, is obtained by a method comprising the steps of:

———_extruding of a sheet of plastics material with the addition to the said material of an expansion agent, the extrusion being conducted in conditions such as to avoid expansion of the material or to cause only partial expansion thereof;

———_heating the thus-obtained sheet to a temperature such as to cause post expansion of the material; and

———_thermoforming the sheet in a thermoforming cavity of complementary shape to the desired panel so that the thermoformed panel produced has in the regions of greater thickness an expanded cellular structure where the material has a lower density than the density of the material in the regions of lesser thickness.

~~(Fig. 4)~~